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Azariah Mercer
Royal Naval Reserve
Service No. 1759X
WWI

Born: 20 February 1896

Place of Birth: Beachy Cove, Bay Roberts

Parents: Joseph and Eliza Jane Mercer

Azariah was the second person who enlisted in World War I bearing the identical name of Azariah Mercer. Both were from Bay Roberts, different families of course and both enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve.

Azariah's enlistment documents dated May 4, 1915, show that he was light haired, blue eyed, 19-year-old who signed on for a one (1) period. He was rather short at only 5 ft. 2 ½ inches and single at the time.

His service record, which lasted from enlistment on May 4th, 1915, to July 7th, 1916, is recorded as:

1. Calypso 4 May 1915 – 29 May 1915
Basic training
2. Victory 30 May – 13 August 1915
3. Excellent 14 August – 1 September 1915
4. Arlanza 2 September – 24 November 1915
5. Victory 1: 25 Nov 1915 – 2 May 1916
6. Pembroke: 3 May – 22 June 1916
7. Britton (formerly the Calypso): 23 June – 7 July 1916

Azariah was discharged as of 7th July 1916. He had fulfilled his one-year commitment and now as noted on his file “time expired.” He did not re-enlist but returned to civilian life.

The 1921 census shows that Azariah now 24 is living at home with his parents Joseph and Eliza Jane.

By 1935, the date of the next Newfoundland census, Azariah is now married to a lady Annie Violet, and living in Bay Roberts Central. They have a family of five, 3 girls and 2 boys. His mother Eliza (age 71) is a widow and lives alone.

There is a potential gravesite found in The Gardens Cemetery, Garden of Psalms, Plot 357, 2 in West Roxbury, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, USA. It is yet to be verified.